

# Collaborative Projects

**Working Together to Improve  
Workplace Health & Safety**





## Canada's National Resource for the Advancement of Workplace Health and Safety

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**E**stablished in 1978, the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) promotes the total well-being – physical, psychosocial and mental health – of working Canadians by providing information, training, education, management systems and solutions that support health, safety and wellness programs.

CCOHS has an established history of collaborating with many Canadian and international partners. Projects with Health Canada, Transport Canada, Worksafe Saskatchewan and other organizations in Canada have expanded the quality and quantity of resources and programs available to workers and employers across the country.

Work with international partners, including the World Health Organization and the European Union, has helped to advance health and safety in the workplace on a global level. These partnerships allow CCOHS to provide Canadians with information from international sources and to share our own knowledge and expertise in return.

In partnership, we've created websites, developed e-courses, managed projects, written publications and conducted research, and can work with your organization to conceptualize, produce, and market an initiative focused on health and safety in the workplace. Together, we can work to prevent injuries and illnesses, and ultimately make all workplaces healthy and safe for everyone.

### Contact us today

Let CCOHS help your organization raise awareness, assess risks, implement prevention programs, and improve health, safety and well-being



# Websites



## CanOSH – [www.canoshweb.org](http://www.canoshweb.org)

The CanOSH website makes it easy for anyone to locate Canadian workplace health and safety information, by bringing together federal, provincial and territorial resources all in one place. Information is used to ensure legal compliance, improve workplace health and safety practices, and reduce workplace injuries and illnesses.

**Partners:** Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) – Labour Program, Government of Alberta, Manitoba Labour and Immigration, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, Ontario Ministry of Labour, Yukon Workers' Compensation Health & Safety Board, WorkSafeBC, WorkSafeNB, Nova Scotia Labour & Workforce Development, Government of Saskatchewan

## ILO Encyclopaedia of Occupational Health and Safety – [www.ilocis.org](http://www.ilocis.org)

Access timely, accurate and complete coverage of the core allied fields encompassing occupational health and safety. The Encyclopaedia was developed in consultation with over 1,000 experts from more than 60 countries, and includes contributions from organizations such as AIHA, ICOH, NFPA, NIOSH and OSHA.

Partner: International Labour Office (ILO)

## Canada's Healthy Workplace Month (CHWM) – [www.healthyworkplacemonth.ca](http://www.healthyworkplacemonth.ca)

CHWM was set in motion in 2001 with the introduction of Canada's Healthy Workplace Week. This web-based initiative provided an avenue to help increase the importance of workplace health for the short – and long-term successes of organizations and for the well being of their employees. In 2008, the Week became a month-long awareness campaign to increase awareness of a comprehensive approach to workplace health in Canada. CCOHS develops the main communications channel, the CHWM website, as well as builds awareness of healthy workplace months, tools, and events.

Partner: National Quality Institute (NQI)

## North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week – [www.naosh.org](http://www.naosh.org)

Canada, the United States and Mexico agreed that together, they would organize NAOSH Week to make their respective populations aware of the importance of preventing workplace accidents and illnesses. First launched in 1997, CCOHS developed the NAOSH Week website since its inception as part of its promotional support efforts.

**Partners:** Canadian Society of Safety Engineers (CSSE), Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC), American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE), Partners in Mexico



## Websites Continued

### WorkSafe Saskatchewan – [www.worksafesask.ca](http://www.worksafesask.ca)

The WorkSafe Saskatchewan website is designed to help workers and employers in Saskatchewan prevent injuries and illness in their workplace. The collection contains hundreds of documents on a wide variety of workplace issues. CCOHS developed and maintains the website, and has contributed information and resources.

Partners: Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board, Saskatchewan Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour

### Canada-EU Collaboration – [www.eu-ccohs.org](http://www.eu-ccohs.org)

This website promotes information sharing between Canadian and European organizations. It provides international coverage of current health and safety topics, including health promotion and disease prevention.

Partner: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work

# Publications

### Indoor Air Quality Tool Kit

This tool kit was developed as a practical resource for Alberta office and other workers. The publication provides an introduction to indoor air quality (IAQ), identifies key workplace problems, provides survey tools and a primer on HVAC systems, helps in assessing and resolving a wide range of IAQ issues, and gives current standards and guidelines that are of Canadian interest.

Partner: Alberta Employment and Immigration

### Best Practice – Working Safely in the Heat and Cold

This publication aimed to help workers understand the health risks associated with working in extreme heat and cold situations, and to suggest reasonable solutions for the workplace.

Partners: Work Safe Alberta, Alberta Employment and Immigration

### WHMIS Quick Facts Posters

CCOHS developed a series of WHMIS Quick Facts posters for Health Canada, in English and French, with information on labels, hazard classes/symbols, MSDSs, education and training requirements, and more.

Partner: National Office of WHMIS (NOW), Health Canada





# e-Courses



## **Occupational and Environmental Cancer: Recognition and Prevention**

This course teaches primary health care providers how to recognize occupational and environmental cancers and how to respond to this finding. Insights are provided into how the recognition of occupational and environmental cancer risks can lead to prevention.

Partners: National Committee on Environmental and Occupational Exposures (NCEO), Primary Prevention Action Group (PP-AG) of the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (CPAC)

## **WHMIS After GHS**

In these two free e-courses, participants are introduced to the expected changes to WHMIS after the anticipated implementation of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS). Suppliers and employers will learn how they can start preparing now to ensure as smooth a transition as possible.

Partner: National Office of WHMIS (NOW), Health Canada

## **Lockout for Inspectors**

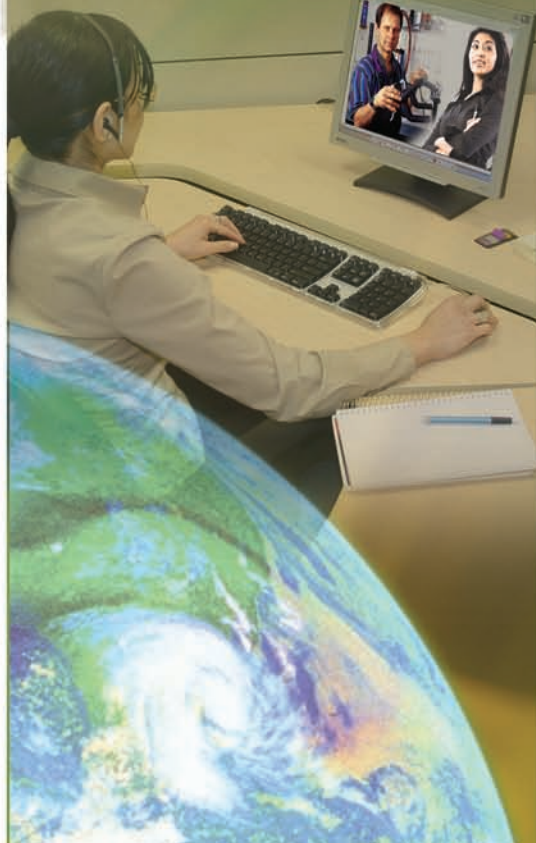
Lockout is required by law in all Canadian jurisdictions. This course provides a basic overview of lockout, the applicable legislation, and outlines the steps needed for compliance, when conducting inspections and investigations.

Partner: CAALLOSH (Occupational Safety and Health Committee of the Canadian Association of Administrators of Labour Legislation)

## **Small Business Health and Safety Certificate Program**

This program provides small and medium-sized businesses training on how to keep workplaces safe from potential workplace hazards and undesirable work environments.

Partners: E-Learning for Business Coalition, which includes the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB), Scotiabank, Society of Management Accountants of Canada (CMA), and the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (CICA)



# Special Projects/Partnerships



## **Marine Inspectors' Bookshelf**

The Marine Inspectors' Bookshelf CD-ROM illustrates CCOHS' commitment to working with its marine safety partners. Now in its 14th release, the Bookshelf provides hundreds of Transport Canada marine inspectors with a convenient means of accessing accurate information aboard ships, even when in remote areas without Internet access.

Partner: Transport Canada

## **Canadian Health Network (CHN)**

As the CHN workplace health affiliate from 1999-2008, CCOHS provided leadership in the field of workplace health, working with Health Canada and other leading health organizations to provide the most reliable and current information, such as articles, content and resources, to Canadian workers and their families. CHN was a network of health information providers that served Canadians with a wide variety of information on health promotion and disease prevention.

Partner: Health Canada, Public Health Agency of Canada

## **Public Policy Investigation in Chongqing, China**

Chongqing is a city in the southwestern interior part of China with approximately 6 million migrant workers. Their health and safety is frequently at risk. Key legal and governmental organizations in Chongqing have teamed up with CCOHS in a Policy Options Project to learn about Canada's experience of workplace health and safety and insurance of new and migrant workers in order to help develop local legislation.

Partners: Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Chongqing Bureau of Labor and Social Security (CQBLSS), the Southwest University of Political Science and Law (SWUPL), the Office of Arbitration of the Labor and Social Security Bureau of Chongqing

## **Enhancement of Occupational Health and Safety in Brazilian Industry (EOHSBI)**

The goal of the EOHSBI project was to contribute to the achievement of greater equity for Brazilian industrial workers employed throughout the country. CCOHS led the development of an OSH information portal appropriate for workplace participants in Brazilian industry, and facilitated workshops, training programs, and other knowledge transfer initiatives.

Partners: Brazilian National Social Service of Industry (SESI), Canadian OSH Consortium (including Ryerson University, Ontario Service Safety Alliance, IAPA), CIDA-ABC Transfer of Technology Fund for Brazil





# Research



## Ingredient Disclosure List (IDL)

IDL was developed as a tool to assist in the implementation of WHMIS. CCOHS prepared a report that provides background on the IDL, including the origins and process of IDL development, the accuracy of the IDL relative to WHMIS classifications, possible procedures, and costs for ongoing development of an IDL program.

Partner: Health Canada

## WHMIS Classification Discrepancy

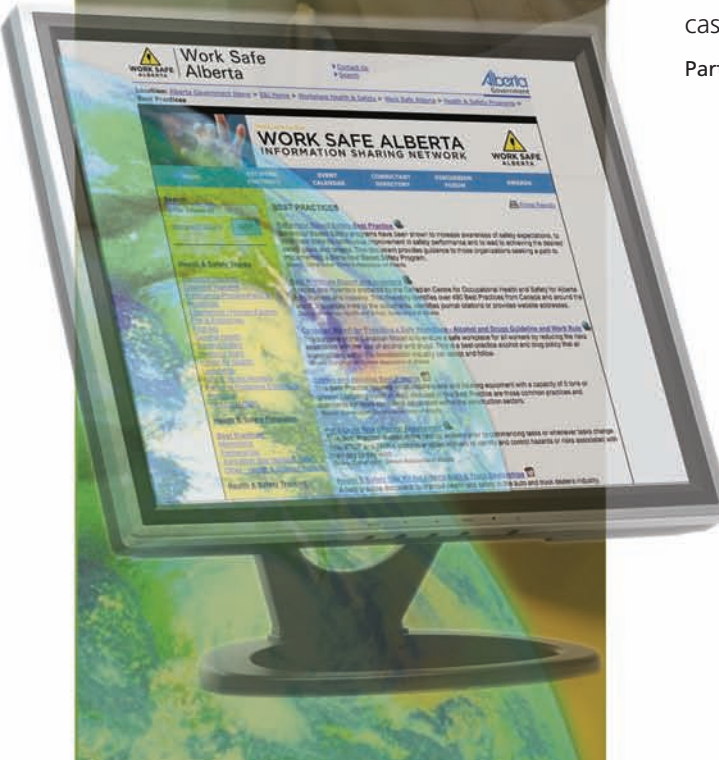
When any party raises concerns about WHMIS classifications, the issues can be discussed and resolved through the collaborative efforts of this group – providing an authoritative resource for all Canadians. Through its efforts to harmonize WHMIS classifications and to respond to classification questions submitted by stakeholders, CCOHS' involvement is vital to supporting Canadian WHMIS activities and harmonization.

Partners: Quebec Commission de la santé et de la sécurité du travail (CSST), National Office of WHMIS (NOW), Health Canada

## Alberta Healthcare Best Practices Inventory

CCOHS researched and developed an inventory of best practices for healthcare work settings. These best practices include governmental advisory reports and guidelines, industry recommended practices, case studies, research interventions and systematic reviews.

Partner: Alberta Employment and Immigration





# Let's work together.

CCOHS invites you to join us in envisioning a world without workplace accidents, illnesses and deaths. Together, we can seek out the challenges, thrive on the opportunities, and ultimately improve the health, safety and well-being of all workers.

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